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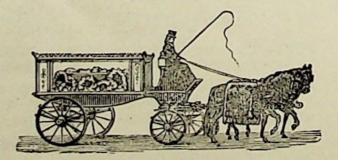
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Secretary's Report.

T is with much pleasure that your Secretary presents the 19th Annual Report of the Cambs Band of Hope Union. Throughout the year the work has been quietly progressive, and, though no startling events can be recorded, nor thrilling incidents related, there are not wanting signs to tell of

advances made and a measure of success accomplished.

The Annual Meetings were held on January 28th, by the kind invitation of the Pastor and Deacons, in St. Andrew's Street Baptist Church. Forty-seven Delegates, representing 23 Societies, attended the Business Meeting which was presided over by Rev. Chas. Joseph. About fifty guests sat down to luncheon, and were cordially welcomed by the Pastor. The Rev. Henry Davies, of Kettering was the Preacher on the occasion, and both in the Afternoon and Evening he was listened to with deep interest and enjoyment. Mr. Joseph again occupied the Chair in the Evening, and both he and Rev. Henry Bennett, of Cambridge proved most acceptable Speakers.

On May 29th, the Spring Meetings were held in the Congregational Church, Reach, by kind invitation of the Pastor and Band of Hope Workers. Rev. J. W. Upton occupied the Chair in the Afternoon, when twelve Societies sent Representatives. Rev. A. W. Pay gave a description of the Gothenburg System of State Regulation of the Drink Traffic The President, Professor G. Sims Woodhead, presided at the Evening Meeting, and the Speakers included Rev. R. Harris Lloyd, and Rev. A. W. Pay. The warm welcome given by the Reach friends and the hearty enthusiasm throughout the

proceedings made the day a happy and memorable one.

On July 10th, the Annual Excursion took place. Two Trains ran to Lowestoft bearing 991 Passengers, a decrease of 80 on the previous year. A sullen sea, a cold wind and heavy rain made us welcome the time when the homeward journey might begin; and yet, in spite of the unkindly elements, everybody seemed determined to make the best of the situation, and there was far more sunshine to be seen on the faces than appeared in the heavens all through the day. But as this is the first really wet day we have suffered in seventeen years, we still have a big debt of gratitude to pay for many enjoyable Excursions. The sale of tickets realized £110 4s. 8d. of which the G.E.R. Co. claimed £106 4s. 3d., leaving a balance, after the expenses of Printing, Advertizing and Postage, of £2 os. 7d.

The Autumnal Meetings were held at Sawston on October 28th. A painfully small Representative of Delegates made up the Council in the Afternoon in spite of the very pleasant fare provided by Mr. Rowland Hill, or Bedford, who gave some very helpful hints on Black-board teaching. The Evening

Meeting was well attended, and was presided over by Mrs. Sims Woodhead, in the absence, through accident, of the President; who however sent a kindly message of encouragement to the Meeting, A Black-board lesson was given to a Class of Children by Mr. Rowland Hill, and practical appreciation of it has since been shown by frequent use of the same lesson in various places.

Temperance Sunday circulars were issued as usual to all connected Societies, and in most places the day was observed

by Sermons, Addresses and Prayer Meetings.

The Annual Collection in aid of the Temperance Hospital was adopted by Toft, Bourn, Swavesey and Trumpington, and resulted in the sum of £4 5s. 2d., half of which is retained by the Cambs Union. This opportunity of usefulness might be made a crown of blessing, not to the Union only by adding materially to its funds, but to all who take part in it by widening their sympathies for the sick and suffering, and to the Hospital itself which is doing so much to break down the old-fashioned idea that disease cannot be cured without the use of Alcohol.

At the present time the Union consists of 49 Societies. The Band at Eltisley has ceased to communicate with us for several years and therefore lapses, and one new Society has

been added at Aldreth.

There is still one more item of interest to be mentioned. Some will remember that in our last Report we had to state that the Bicycle purchased for the use of the Agent was still wanting about half its cost. Since that time we have very gratefully to acknowledge the liberality of our good friend, Mr. John Chivers, who has very kindly cleared off the debt to

the extent of something over £ 6.

Before closing her Report, your Secretary would like to add a word of thanks for the valuable help she has received from our Agent, Rev. A. W. Pay, Of the details of his work he will give his own account, but of his constant good nature under all conditions of wind, weather and roads, and the trouble he has taken in all departments of his work, and especially in the compilation of the Annual Report which has been one of the events of the year, and which has increased the Union Funds by over £3, his modesty will not allow him to speak, but which should be known and appreciated by all who take an interest in the Union's welfare.

The closing of a year which has seen legislative reforms and activities in the cause of Temperance opens new opportunities and new work for the future; and there are, for the Cambs Band of Hope Union, new responsibilities and fresh needs for consecrated efforts on behalf of the children, to train

them to become better citizens of a great nation.

C. E. KNOWLES.

A Word for the New Year.

FROM REV. G. ERNEST THORN.

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teems with fresh appeals to duty. Appeals which, set side by side with your daily business lives, seem sometimes strangely incongruous. You are in response to these appeals taking a more active interest in life, national, municipal, and religious. Some of you are beginning; this is well. The

soldier's first battle is the one most marked by enthusiasm. The cry of his country falls on ears less used to plaints and woe. The cry of your country rising from her depths of vice, sin, and drink-damning influences, appeals to you as it will never appeal again. Thank God if that cry awakens a response. The youths and maidens, who, hearing the sob and wail of alcohol-cursed women and children,

pledge themselves to live and die in the service of Christ and humanity, to rescue the perishing, will produce in the coming generation an awakened Church life, a restless, dissatisfied Church spirit. Let me put it to you that in the coming year concerted action will only be beneficial to awaken, as it is the outcome of individual conviction. You can always get a crowd together to applaud. It is only when the subject of the applause has laid a deep hold upon the individuals comprising the crowd, that it will tell upon another circle with a larger You must find the source of your enthusiasm away from the crowd if it is going to lead you to self-sacrifice and devotion. The problems you face may be social ones, but they have a religious solution. There is only one force that can ever accomplish the out-thrust of the drinking habits and vicious customs which permeate our race, and that the religion and inspiration of Jesus Christ. You will gain your inspiration best where Moses gained his—on the Mount of God. countenance of many a worker changes there. Many a circumstance brings a listless expression to your face as you see the difficulties of the situation; but there it will be true of you, "The fashion of his countenance was changed.". cannot see the whole landscape in the midst of the valley. Upon God's Mount you are above the mists, or, as the Rev. John Watson recently put the same truth in another connection-"Climb the mast, climb the mast till you are out of the mists and sea fog that lie on the surface of the water; climb to the top and you will see that marvellous spectacle of the spiritual world, stretching far into the distant blue of the sea.

and near at hand the sunshine on the vessel of sweet content, I do not say any man can remain at the top or the mast; you will have to come down again; but how different will you come down after a glimpse of Eternity." Then when you have received your inspiration it must find an outlet in service. Whilst on the one hand a danger exists in the very neglect of the cultivation of personal enthusiasm, even meetings where the atmosphere is surcharged with enthusiasm may become means of dissipation. The greatest good is going to be done During this year let each one of you by individual effort. purchase a "personal effort pledge book," and definitely rescue some from the Slough of Despond and plant their feet on the Away in America, a great convention of Rock of Hope. Christian Endeavourers was being held in the early days of the the movement; the building was crowded from floor to ceiling; it was the moment when prayers were to be offered by members, and in the great silence a young girl, 17 years of age, slipped from her seat and knealt in the aisle. Her voice was tremulous at first, but she forgot her nervousness in her prayer. It was a simple prayer:—

> "I will go where you want me to go, Lord, Over mountain, or plain, or sea; I will do what you want me to do, Lord, I will be what you want me to be."

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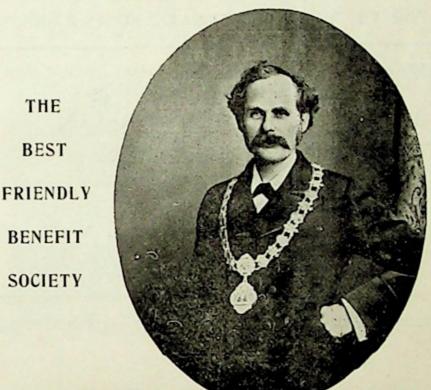
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tempted to drink, pray Lord, "Keep the door."

neath your nose." David in the 141st Psalm, says "Set a watch O Lord before my mouth, keep the door of my lips." O that your daily prayer may be "Keep the door of my lips" from all that is intemperate, impure, unkind and untrue, and let us have at least four watchmen to keep the door of our lips, viz:—

Mr. TOTAL-ABSTAINER. What a great evil intoxicating drink is in our land! Have Mr. Total Abstainer ever at the door guarding and keeping you, as you grow up from drinking it. When Lord. "Keep the door."

Mr. KIND-HEART. The duty of this watchman is to prevent any unkind thoughts from springing up in your heart, and to guard you from all harsh, unkind words being spoken by you. Keep the door of your lips from unloving words. Have:

Mr. SPEAK-GENTLY too, at the door of your lips. Gentle words are like oil on the troubled waters. Be gentle as well as loving, and try to win others who have not Mr. Total-Abstainer and Mr. Kind-Heart at the door of their lips. Have:

Mr. TELL-THE-TRUTH. Very easily girls and boys learn to speak untruths. Be sure to have this watchman ever at the door of your lips. When you are tempted to break the pledge of Total Abstinence that you have taken, and intoxicating drink is pressed upon you, and some of your companions may say you are silly to be a total abstainer, then pray the words, "O Lord keep the door of my lips," and sing that verse:

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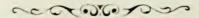
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FRIENDS AND FELLOW-WORKERS,

The time has come for me to give an account of my Stewardship. It is always a pleasure to record blessings which have been bestowed upon us in our work.

It affords me joy to bring before you in this Meeting to-day an account of the work done in the County during

the year 1902.

I have no great events to record, no great revolution has taken place during the year, but signs are not wanting to prove that there is a steady growth of our principles in the County.

The first two weeks of the year were spent in Cambridge canvassing for advertisements for the Report. Also the early part of February I was kept busy working on the Report in the day and conducting meetings in the evening. This being a new move in our work, gave no little trouble to bring things into shape. Those who have seen the Report do not need that I should say more upon this subject here. We hope, however, to introduce new matter, thought and life into this year's issue, and we trust it will be as useful and even more so than the last.

At the commencement of March a call came from the Sunday School Union of Newmarket for me to go over and conduct an Eight-days' Mission in connection with the Sunday Schools of that town. It was with some diffedence that I accepted the office of Evangelist on that occasion, but we have to record that God was greater to us than our fears, for we had the joy of dealing with a large number of young people, who, to the joy of School Teachers and Band of Hope workers, professed to find peace through the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Quite a number of these were members of Bands of Hope in the town.

I can hear someone say, but you are in Cambridge to conduct Band of Hope meetings, not to preach the Gospel. Let me say here and now that the Gospel and Band of Hope work are twin sisters, and that which God has joined together

let no man put asunder.

In the early part of April we were engaged in Cambridge and district, going from village to village, helping the Bands and encouraging the Workers. From the 20th of this month to the 3rd of May, was spent in Suffolk. This terminated our agreement with the Ipswich and Suffolk Union. This month brings with it, the general stopage of our work in the county. With one or two exceptions the Bands of Hope close down, from June to October. Could not an occasional meeting be held even if it took place in the open air? Would it not be better

than to drop the meetings for 4 months, and just at the time when boys need our help the most.

During the months of July, August and September I am practically without meetings except where a large meeting for

workers can be held.

Two such Meetings have been organised this summer, one at Bourn the other at Histon. The meeting at the former place was a splendid success, from 300 to 400 people came together. This was a demonstration of our strength and not of our weakness, and it proved one thing very fully that there is a Band of Hope Union in Cambridge. On this occasion, the Vicar, the Rev. F. R. Williams, M.A. lent his Schoolroom for Tea and Public Meeting, and opened the Church and Grounds so that friends from a distance might find rest, and refresh their eyes and hearts, in and around this fine old building. No little pleasure was added to the days enjoyment by the kindness of J. J. Brisco, Esq. who lent his fine Park for the day.

I must mention the splendid work done by the Bourn friends who so nobly put their shoulder to the work of the day and provided Tea for some three or four hundred people. The Members of the Castle End Primitive Methodist Brsss Band lent their assistance free, we only paying their out of pocket expenses. This kind help lent no little to make the day so

succesful.

The second meeting of this kind took place at Histon as stated, in the Baptist Schoolroom kindly lent by the Pastor, Rev. R. Smith and Deacons. In the afternoon a conference was held when the Rev. W. J. Moulton, M.A. gave an address on "How to retain our Senior Members in the Band of Hope." This address was much appreciated by the friends present. A very hearty discussion followed After Tea, which had been provided by the ever generous friends of this place, a large Public Meeting followed, under the Presidency of the ever ready Veteran, George Apthorpe, Esq., who fired our hearts with a capital address. This was followed by a speech from the Rev. Sydney Milledge, entitled "Our Boys." These Meetings were much enjoyed by those present, and to my mind were among the best held in the County since my advent. It is true that the former of these meetings was not a great success from a financial point of view. But Band of Hope Meetings cannot be run on Stock Exchange principles. Nor can success be gaged by the weight of money bags at the collection. I want to say that I have helped a little at one or two meetings held to protest against the Education Bill. This may be open to censure, for some dyspeptic souls will censure everything. I leave this however for praise or blame just as it suits those who hear it.

I now give a few details of the meetings held in Cambridge and District. Temperance Sermons have been preached at Newmarket, Graveley. Orwell, and Sturton Street, Cambridge. All these were well attended. I have taken part in 140 Meetings in the County; this includes Missions, Bible Readings, etc. The numbers attending these meetings form a large congregation of about 12,000 Adults and Children. This does not include my Sunday Services. Meetings have been held in Bottisham, Bourn, Burwell, Caxton, Chesterton, Childerly-Gate Chittering, Comberton, Cottenham, Eversden, Fordham, Fulbourn, Gravely, Haddenham, Histon. Isleham, Kingston, Milton, Newmarket, Orwell, Prickwillow, Reach, Royston, Sawston, Shelford, Shepreth, Soham, Swaffham Prior, Wisbech and Whittlesford. Cambridge: St. Andrew's Street, Eden, Emmanuel, Excelsior, Hills Road, Hobson Street, and Hobson Street Adult Temperance Meetings, Sturton Street, Zion, and York Street Mission.

I am not in a position to say how many pledges have been

taken during the year.

During the Summer when Meetings are impossible owing to Hay and Corn Harvest, and Fruit Picking, I have visited, Aldreth, Barrington, Isleham, Soham, Exning, Ditton, Chevely Hinxton, Pampisford, Foxton, Melbourn, Fowlmere, Gamlingay, Eltisley, Chatteris, Witchford, Prickwillow, Ely, and a number of other Places on the road. I have ridden near

upon 1,000 miles to my engagements this year.

Before I close I want gratefully to remember the kind help I have received from friends who have proved a source of strength and blessing to the Meeting in which they have taken part. One word to acknowledge the assistance given by the "King's Own" Sons of Temperance Cycling Corps and to thank them and all workers who have come to the help of the Lord against the mighty. About 8,000 Temperance and other Tracts have been distributed. My best thanks are due to John Burford, Esq., who has supplied most of these Tracts.

I would also say that the Lantern has been popular this Season. "A Temperance trip to the Holy Land" has been given a number of times. But the most popular subjects are "Half Pounds and Half Pints," "Drink in relation to Progress and Poverty," "Poverty its cause and Cure," "Mind your own

Business," "Billy Bray" and "Peter Mackenzie."

I close by asking the Secretaries to make arrangements early, and book dates for Meetings, so that the work may be kept moving. May each worker be filled with the Spirit of God, and the Love of Christ.

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Substitutes for Beer as a Drink.

COLLECTED BY REV. ALEX. W. PAY.

RICE AND ACID.—If a little rice is washed in cold water and then is boiled in a good deal of water, the fluid, if a little sugar is added, is a pleasant and nutritious drink. It is much used in India by soldiers. In winter it may be taken warm, in summer cold; and in summer, if you by an ounce of powdered tartaric or citric acid, which is very cheap, and put a small quantity in this rice-water, a very refreshing acid beverage is obtained. You will soon learn when you have got acid enough; it should not be too acid; only just enough to be pleasant. The boiled rice, of course, must be used as food.

HOME-MADE LEMONADE.—Cut two or three lemons into slices, with the rind, and put into a jug; fill up with boiling water as much as desired and sweeten to taste; stir well, and

then let it stand until cold, when it is strained.

FRUIT BEVERAGES of various kinds may be made by stiring 2 ozs. of jam or fruit jelly in a quart of water; may be

taken with effervescing water if desired.

BARLEY WATER.—Add a teacupful of pearl barley to a quart of cold water, which has been put into a saucepan; boil gently for ten minutes, after having let it come gradually to the boil. Pour the whole into a jug and let it cool, when it is ready for use. This drink may be flavoured with lemon, &c.

OATMEAL WATER.—Good for harvesters. Mix ½ lb. of fine oatmeal, 12 ozs. sugar, a lemon cut into slices, with warm water in a bowl. Add 6 quarts of boiling water and stir well, then let it cool. Do not strain, but stir before using. Half quantities may be used This drink may be made more digestible by boiling for half an hour after the boiling water has been poured on.

To Quench Thirst.—For quenching thirst, few things are better than weak coffee and a little sugar. One ounce of coffee and half an ounce of sugar boiled in two quarts of water and cooled is a very thirst-quenching drink. Cold Tea has the same effect; but neither is so supporting as oatmeal. Thin Cocoa also is very refreshing, and supporting likewise,

but is more expensive than oatmeal.

GINGER BEER—EASIER RECIPES.—Dissolve 4 ozs. of candied ginger (says Cassell's "Dictionary") in 2½ gallons of boiling water, add 2 lbs. of sugar, 1 oz. of powdered citric acid, when nearly cold, and two tablespoonfuls of yeast; or take 1½ lbs. of common brown sugar or treacle, 1½ gallons of water, 1 oz. ground ginger and a lemon if liked. Boil and add yeast.

Rhubarb Drink.—Having cut up two or three sticks of rhubarb into small pieces, place them in a jug with a strip of lemon peel thinly cut. Pour on about 1½ pints of boiling

water. Add sugar to taste. When cool, strain.

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LIST OF SPEAKERS, RECITERS, &c.

Secretaries of Bands of Hope requiring help may apply to any of the following friends, remembering to enclose addressed card or envelope for reply:—

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Miss BARRETT, Thornlea, Chaucer Road, Cambridge.

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Mr H. J. LINZELL, Orwell Road, Felixstowe.

Mr ALPHONSO SMITH, 46, St. Andrew's Street.

Mr J. GILLINGS, Guest Road, Cambridge.

Reports of Bands.

ALDRETH.—This Band was started in January 1900, and has just affiliated with the Union. It has a Membership of 52, and meets fortnightly. Its President is Isaac Gay. Esq., and its Secretaries are Mrs E. W. Gothard and Mrs. Ernest Thulbon.

BOTTISHAM.—Has a Membership of 36, and holds weekly meetings. Temperance Sunday was observed by a Sermon and an address in the Sunday School.

BOURN.-Our work has been one of steady progress. Meetings are held every fortnight in the Chapel. Our work is chiefly amongst the children. We have now a nice number of life abstainers, children of abstaining parents

'Tis on thee the work depends, On the young and rising race: They must try and make amends, For our country's deep disgrace

The New Year has opened upon us with bright hopes our first fortnightly meeting was very good, eight pledges were taken E. J. CLARK, Secretary.

BURWELL.-We are pleased to record that the work of our Society has been fairly successful during the past year, The children's meetings have been well attended on the whole, 50 being the average attendance. Our Society was visited by the Rev. A. W. Pay on the occasion of the prize distribution to the Junior members for good behaviour and regular attendance. Several other successful Entertainments, have been held during the year. Over 100 members with their friends joined the Excursion to Lowestoft, on July 10th. Temperance Sunday a united service was held in the afternoon at the Congregational Chapel when the Rev. J. W. Upton presided, and Revs. A. W. Pay and J. Phillips gave addresses.

CAMBRIDGE (Hobson Street.)-During the year 1902, the Officers and Committee have had much to be thankful for. Our membership is now 158, against 208. But this apparent decrease of 50, is a real increase as these have been drafted into the Adult Temperance Society. Our 19th Anniversary was held on Nov. 10th and 11th, 1901. On Sunday sermons were preached by Revs. S. R. Osborne and R. Harris Lloyd, and on Monday afternoon by the Rev. Peter Thompson (East London Mission.) After a Tea, a Public Meeting was held. Speakers being the Revs. Peter Thompson, R. Harris Lloyd and A. G. Haughton, (Cottenham.) Chairman, Richard Sturton. Esq. Several successful Entertainments and meetings have been held but space will not permit to describe more. In closing we wish to thank those who so kindly organised the Excursion to Lowestoft which was so much appreciated. Thanking you for this space of your report.

HENRY P. ALLIN ! He

Hon. Secs. Miss NORMAN

CAXTON.—Has 30 Junior and 20 Seniors Members. On Temperance Sunday a Sermon was preached and a Prayer Meeting held.

CHATTERIS (West Park Street.)-Reports 85 Members 10 of whom were admitted during the year. Temperance Sunday was observed as usual.

CHITTERING.—Little aggressive work has been done during 1902. One public meeting during last winter, a sermon on Temperance Sunday and frequent references from the Pulpit by the Pastor about sums up the whole. Total abstinance has laid hold upon the young. It is very rare they drink when grown up. Our hope is in the children. Few of the old people will give it up themselves, but they approve of the children abstaining. It was not always so. We are evidently making progress.

MARK WYATT.

COTTENHAM.—Has a Membership of 293, 82, having been added during the year. Special Services were conducted on Temperance Sunday and Monday, and special sermons were preached by Rev. C. T. Allen and Rev. J. H. Willington in December, Subjects:—"The Greatest Man of Olden Times, a Teetotaller" and "The Man with a leak in his character." The Secretary says:—"I am pleased to say our Band continues to make good progress, the meetings being well attended, many fresh pledges taken, and interest in the work being maintained. Two different Members of the Committee are generally responsible for each meeting, thus we get a good variety of talent, and at the same time make the work of the Superintendents much lighter."

FULBOURN.—We have been very much encouraged during the past year in the various branches of our work. After going very carefully through our Register we put our membership at 150, 18 having joined during the year. The attendance at our Meetings has been good. We have continued our Monthly Meetings at Teversham. Mr Pay has visited us twice. We arranged a Senior Prize Recitation Contest, took part in the Excursion, held our usual Dedicatory Prayer Meeting the last Sunday evening in September, also a Social Meeting for Parents and Senior Members, and a Tea for Juniors.

FORDHAM.—We have nothing especially encouraging to record during the past year. Our Annual Tea and Public Meeting was a success everyway, as was also an Entertainment given by the Juniors in the Victoria Hall in March. In November we had a visit from our tried friend the Rev. A. W. Pay. who delivered in the Congregational Church in the presence of a large audience his popular lecture "Peter Mackenzie" which was much appreciated. We are constantly losing our Senior member, over 20 left last year. Our hope is that they will continue to help in the good cause in other parts. Our motto is "Onward, in God's name we shall overcome and to Him be all the praise."

W. Davidson.

NEWMARKET.—In reporting on our Band of Hope, my first duty is to express the sincere regret of all connected with it at the removal from our midst of Mr. H. J. Linzell, our late esteemed superintendent. For many years Mr. Linzell took an active part in the work connected with the Society, and every boy and girl belonging to it felt most keenly his severance from them. Our members are on the increase, and our average attendance is most encouraging. We now number some 335; boys 168, girls 167. 32 meetings have been held during the year, the average attendance being 220. Complaints are made sometimes at the little help workers in Bands of Hope receive. We are not among this class, for we have the ready help and sympathy of quite a number of workers. The old tried hands still stand by us, and we are always glad to welcome recruits. Mr. A. H. King shares with myself in the onerous duties of superintendent, and a better or more experienced co-adjutor it would be difficult to find. Mr. Sidney Howard continues to discharge the duties of secretary and is kept busy on Tuesday evenings enrolling new members. Our senior Band of Hope, which meets on Friday evenings, is the link that connects our Society with the parent body; and here also a good work is being done; but of this Mr. King knows more than I do. Most heartily do we thank one and all who have helped us in our work; and we mean to keep our banner waving, with the triumphant motto inscribed thereon, "Excelsior."

SWAVESEY.—Reports a Membership of 38, with a high average attendance of 32. £3 6s. 3d. was collected for the Temperance Hospital and four prizes were gained by the Collectors.

Rules of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union.

I. That the Society be named "The Cambridgeshire Band of Hope Union.

That the Union comprises all affiliated Bands of Hope throughout the County.

III. That any Band of Hope desiring affiliation subscribe 2/6 per annum to the funds of the Union.

1V. That the object of the Union be the promotion of Total abstinence among the Young by

(1) Strengthening existing Bands of Hope (2) Providing speakers for special meetings. (3) Encouraging the formation of new Bands. (4) The distribution of Temperauce literature.

And by any other means.

(1) The Union shall be under the direction of a General Council, which shall annually elect a President. Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, not more than two Honorary Secretaries, and an Executive Committee. (2) The General Council shall consist of abstainers from intoxicating drinks, and shall be constituted as follows:—

(i) Two delegates from each affiliated Band of Hope.

(ii) Personal Contributors of 2/6 and upward.

(iii) Such other persons as the Council may deem it desirable to appoint.

VI. That three meetings of the Council be held during the year VIZ:-

> (1) The Annual Meeting to be held not later than January 31st, at Cambridge, for the passing of reports the election of Officers, and the transaction of general business.

The Spring Meeting to be held not later than May 31st. The Autumnal Meeting not later than October 31st.

The Spring and Autumnal Meetings to be held in different parts of the County. Six members to form a quorum.

VII. That each affiliated Band be required to furnish the Secretary of the Union, before the Annual Meeting with the Names of the two delegates appointed for the year, to whom and to all members of the Council, the Secretary shall send written notice of every meeting.

The Executive Committee shall consist of twelve members of the General Council, with power to add to their number, six of whom shall be resident in Cambridge, and six in other parts of the County. The Committee to have power to fill up vacancies, such appointments being subject to the approval of the next meeting of the Council. Five members to form a quorum Travelling expenses of Members of the Committee incurred in attending meetings to be paid by the Union on a basis to be approved by the Council.

That the financial year of the Union shall end on December 31st, and the accounts audited by two gentlemen, appointed at the previous Annual Meeting.

X. That any member of the Council wishing to propose an alteration of rules shall give written notice of such alterations at the previous meeting of the Council.

XI. That this Union be represented on the Council of the United Kingdom Band of Hope Union, in accordance with the costitution of that Union.

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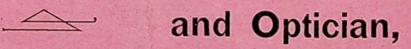
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